

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is made to amend the paragraph regarding the cross-reference to related applications to correct the serial numbers of the co-pending applications and to add the issued patent numbers to the coordinating applications. No new matter is added. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

Paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 has been amended as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of [S.N.] U.S. Serial No. 09/724,438, filed November 28, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of copending applications [S.N. 09/555,777] U.S. Serial No. 09/550,777, filed on April 17, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,376,204; and [09/555,779] U.S. Serial No. 09/550,779, filed on April 17, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,379,908; [now U.S. Patents \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_] respectively; which are continuations-in-part of [application S.N.] U.S. Serial No. 09/218,827, filed December 22, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,051,388 [having an issue date of April 18, 2000]; all of the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference.